



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Alaska District

Regulatory Branch (1145b)  
8800 Glacier Highway  
Suite 106  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-8079

# Public Notice of Application for Permit

**PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:** February 8, 2006

**EXPIRATION DATE:** March 10, 2006

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** POA-2005-2019-2

**WATERWAY:** Auke Nu Cove

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the attached plan, five sheets, dated January 31, 2006.

**APPLICANT:** City and Borough of Juneau, 155 South Seward Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801-1397.

**AGENT:** PND, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 3220 Hospital Drive, Suite 200, Juneau, Alaska 99801-7899.

**LOCATION:** The proposed project would be located within NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, T. 40 S., R. 65 E., Copper River Meridian; approximate Latitude 58.381,948° N., Longitude 134.689,966° W.; A.T.S. 357, Lot 1; in Juneau, Alaska.

**PURPOSE:** The applicant's stated project purpose is to service commercial fishing and provide efficient marine loading operations.

**WORK:** The applicant requests authorization for the following work:

1. Discharge approximately 72,000 cubic yards of shot rock, 4,500 cubic yards of class IV riprap, and 1,830 cubic yards of base course grading C-1 surfacing material into approximately 3.18 acres below the plane of the high tide line (approximate elevation +20.8 feet above the 0.0 foot contour). Additional work would include installation of approximately 765 linear feet of water line and 540 linear feet of storm drainage system.
2. Construct below the plane of mean high water (approximate elevation +15.4 feet above the 0.0 foot contour), one (approximately 50 feet wide by 200 feet long) pile-supported (approximately 12 each, 24 inch diameter galvanized steel) float; connected to one (approximately 20 feet wide by 140 feet long) concrete decked steel transfer bridge; secured to the

proposed fill by one (approximately 20 feet wide by 225 feet long) pile supported (approximately 21 each, 24 inch diameter galvanized steel), concrete decked, steel causeway.

3. Install below the plane of mean high water at the proposed landing craft ramp, approximately 8 each, 24 inch diameter, galvanized steel mooring piles.

Refer to the attached plan for details

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The applicant has stated float buoyancy material has not been determined. If expanded polystyrene were used it would be encapsulated to prevent disintegration. The floatation system may be constructed of steel pipe, concrete, high density polyethylene, and/or timbers pressure treated with creosote. The decking material for the float has also not been determined, which may be constructed of concrete, steel, or timber pressure treated with Ammoniacal Copper Zinc Arsenate.

For additional information about the proposed project contact the applicant's agent, Mr. Charles Somerville of PND, Inc., Consulting Engineers at (907) 586-2093.

**MITIGATION:** None.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

**COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CERTIFICATION:** Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone, Management Act of 1972, as amended by 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3), requires the applicant to certify that the described activity affecting land or water uses in the Coastal Zone complies with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. A permit will not be issued until the Office of Project Management and Permitting, Department of Natural Resources has concurred with the applicant's certification.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no listed or eligible properties in the vicinity of the worksite. Consultation of the AHRS constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer at this time, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

**TRIBAL CONSULTATION:** The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between the Federal government and Federally recognized Tribes. This notice invites participation by agencies, Tribes, and members of the public in the Federal decision-making process. In

addition, Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Alaska District on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This Public Notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Engineer during the public comment period.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area.

Preliminarily, the described activity will not affect threatened or endangered species, or their critical habitat designated as endangered or threatened, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

**ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT:** The proposed work is being evaluated for possible effects to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) pursuant to the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1996 (MSFCMA), 16 U.S.C. et seq and associated Federal regulations found at 50 CFR 600 Subpart K. The Alaska District includes areas of EFH as Fishery Management Plans. We have reviewed the January 20, 1999, North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Environmental Assessment to locate EFH area as identified by the NMFS.

We have determined that the described activity may adversely affect EFH. The proposed work may affect approximately 3.18 acres of EFH for juvenile/adult salmon, and groundfish. This Public Notice initiates consultation requirements with the NMFS under the MSFCMA. We have insufficient information at this time to assess the cumulative effects of the proposed work on EFH, but cumulative effects will be considered in our final assessment of the described work. Any conservation recommendations regarding EFH for Federally managed fish will also be considered in our final assessment of the described work. This proposed project may also adversely affect associated species such as major prey or predator species which are not covered by Fishery Management Plans.

**SPECIAL AREA DESIGNATION:** None.

**EVALUATION:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The decision whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur, are therefore determined by the outcome of the general balancing process. That decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations

of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Mr. Randal P. Vigil at (907) 790-4490 or by email at randal.p.vigil@poa02.usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

**AUTHORITY:** This permit will be issued or denied under the following authorities:

(X) Perform work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States - Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States - Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

A plan, Notice of Application for Certification of Consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program, and Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are attached to this Public Notice.

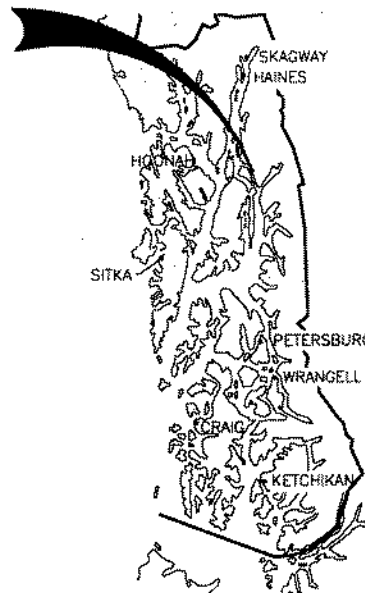
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Attachments

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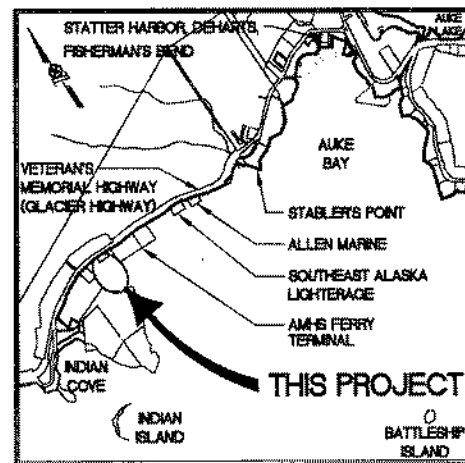
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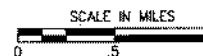
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**VICINITY MAP**



**SITE MAP**



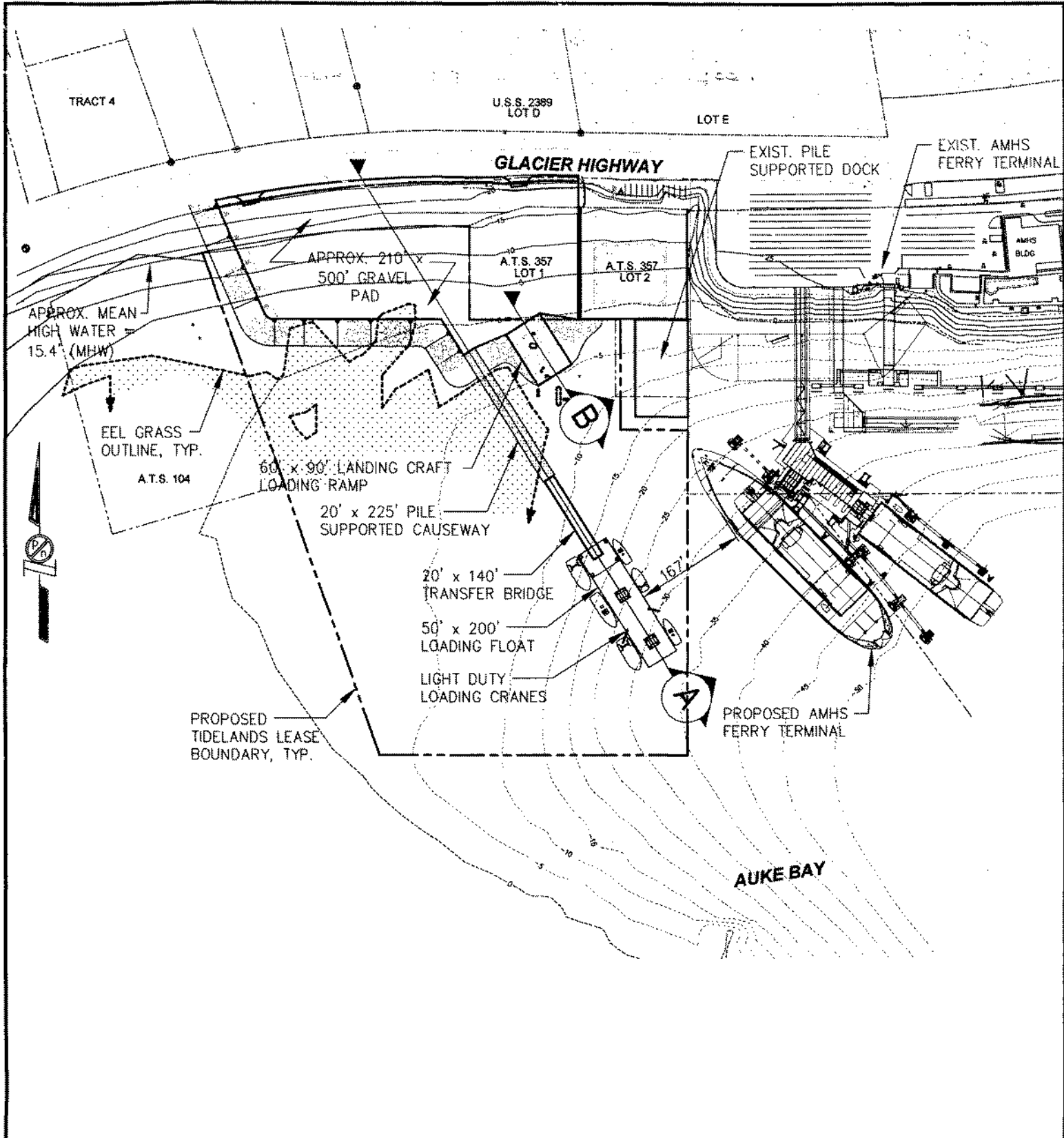
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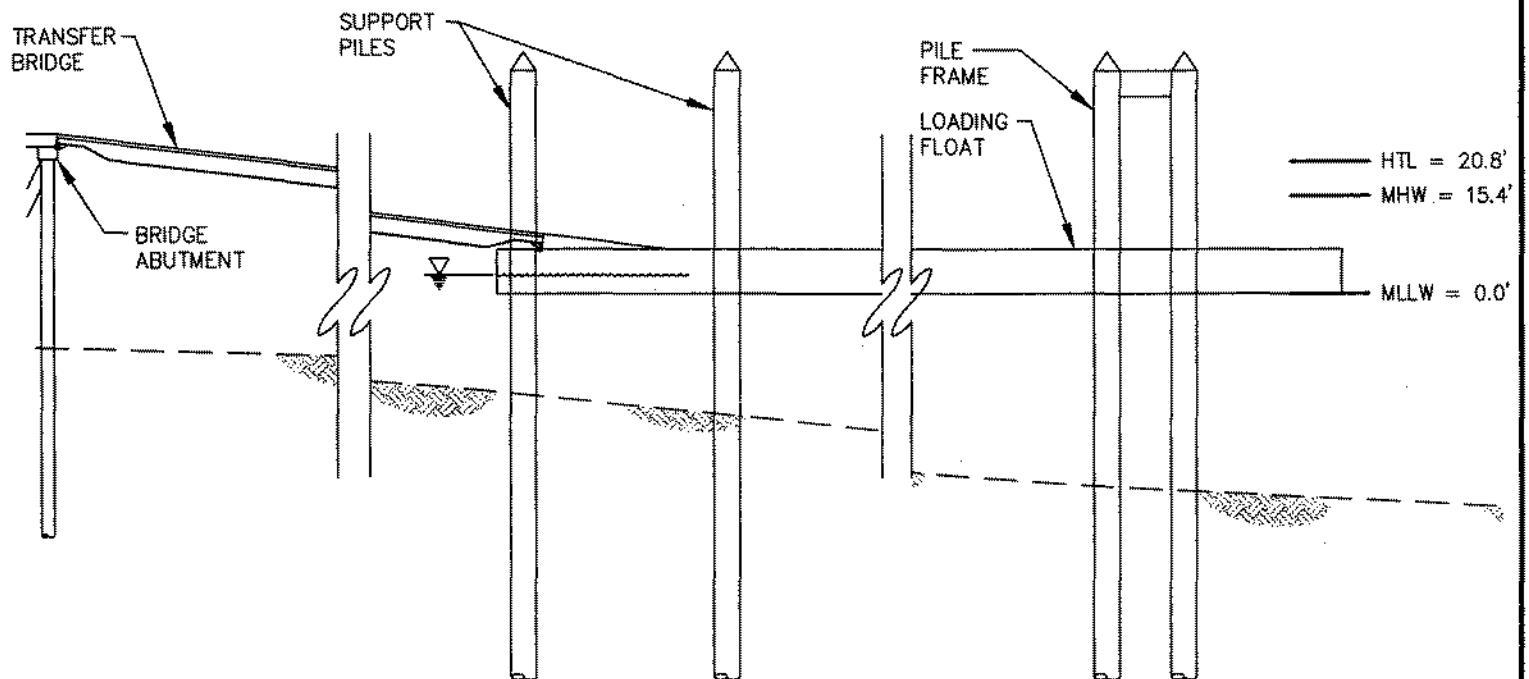
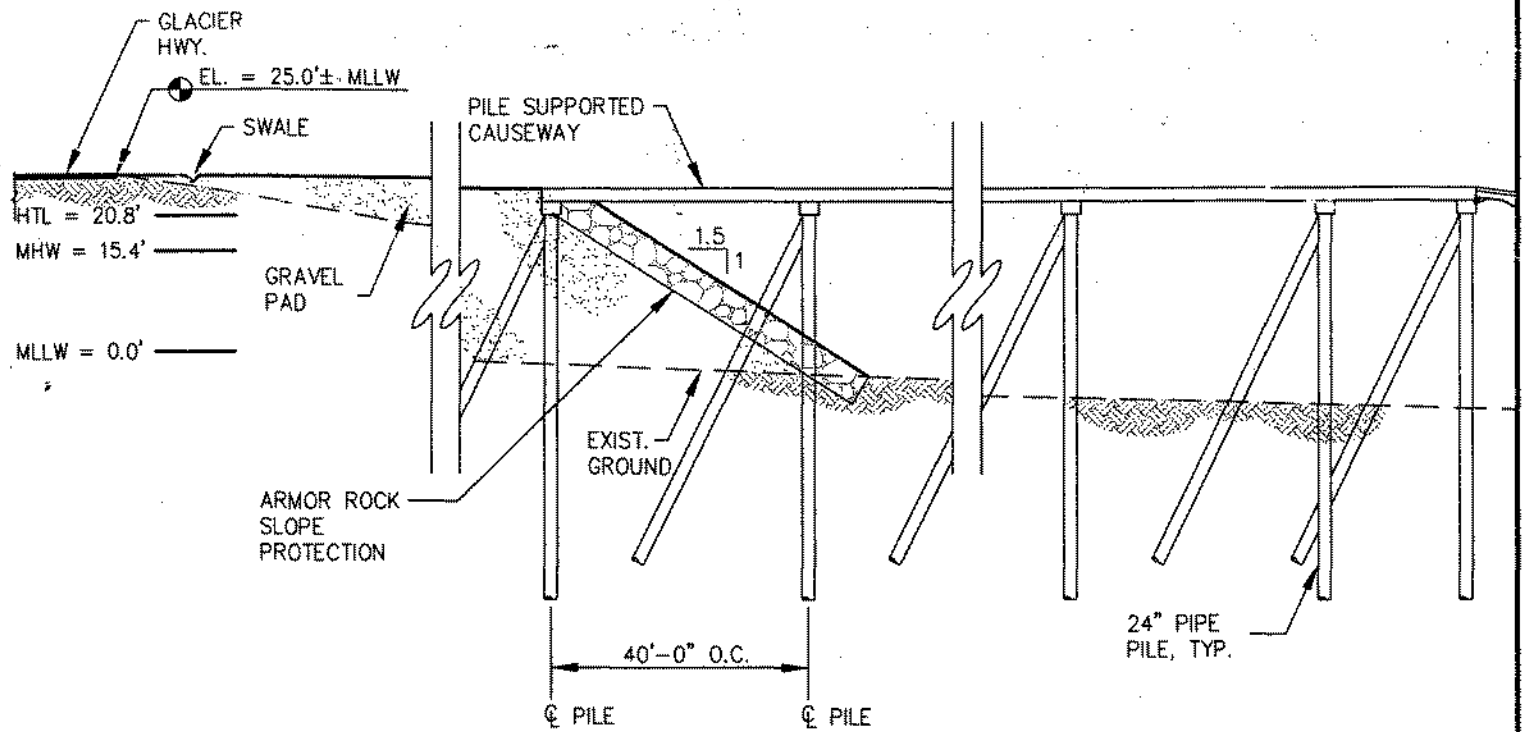
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## PROPOSED SITE PLAN

SCALE IN FEET  
0 100 200 FT.

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City & Borough of Juneau  
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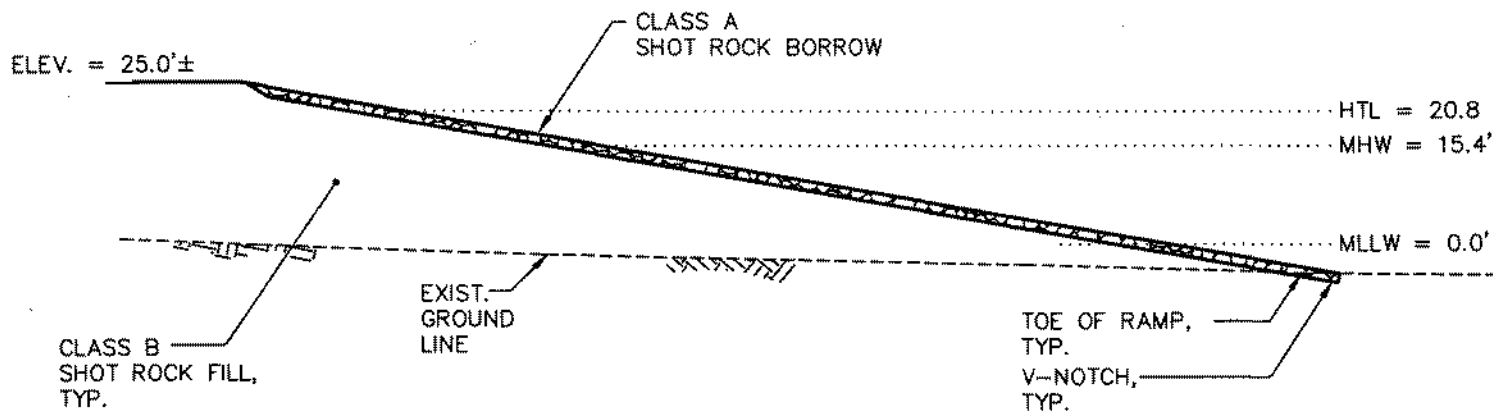
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## A FACILITY SECTION

SCALE IN FEET  
0 15 30 FT.

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**City & Borough of Juneau**  
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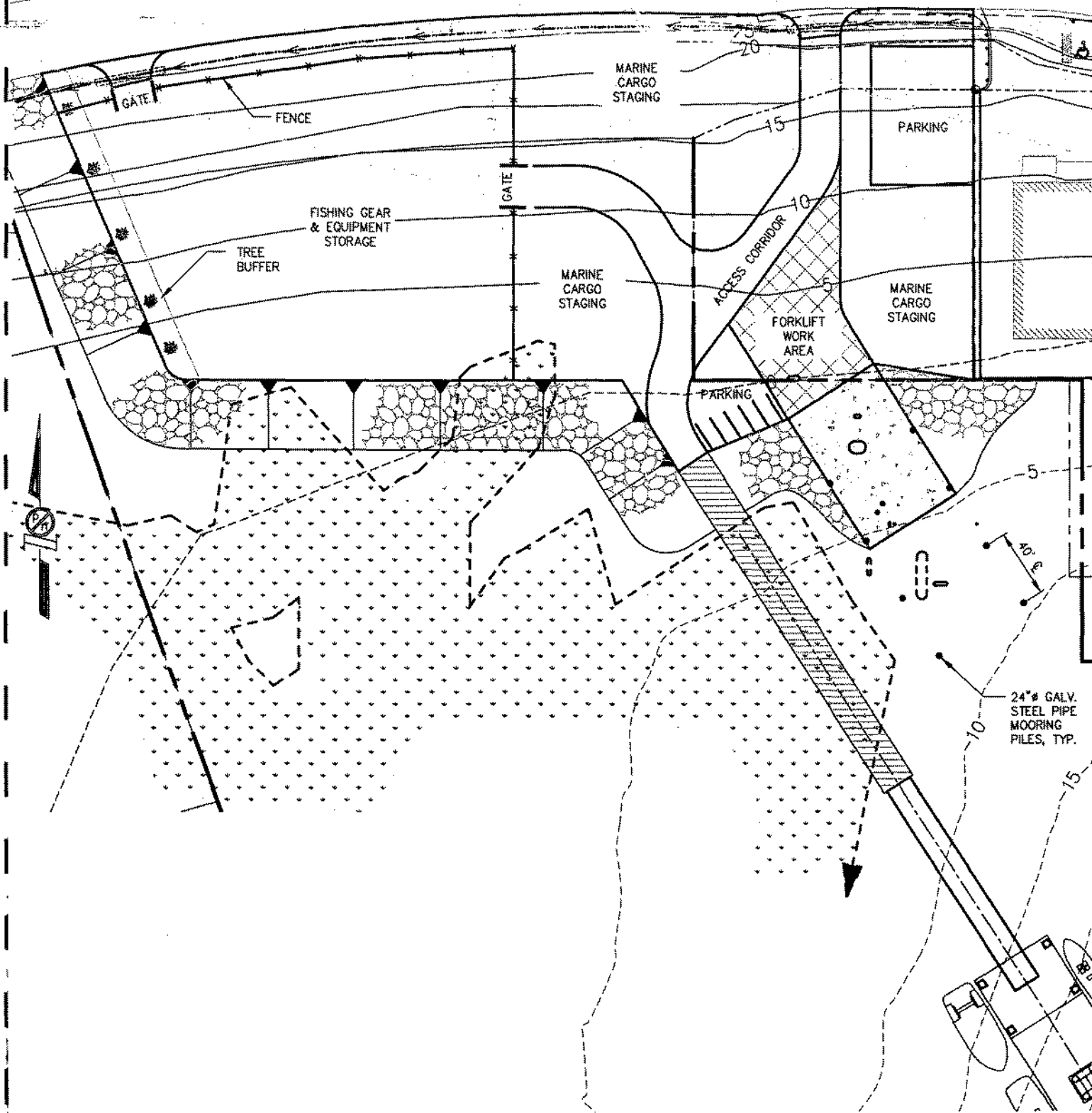
## **(B) RAMP SECTION**

SCALE IN FEET  
0 15 30 FT.

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**City & Borough of Juneau**  
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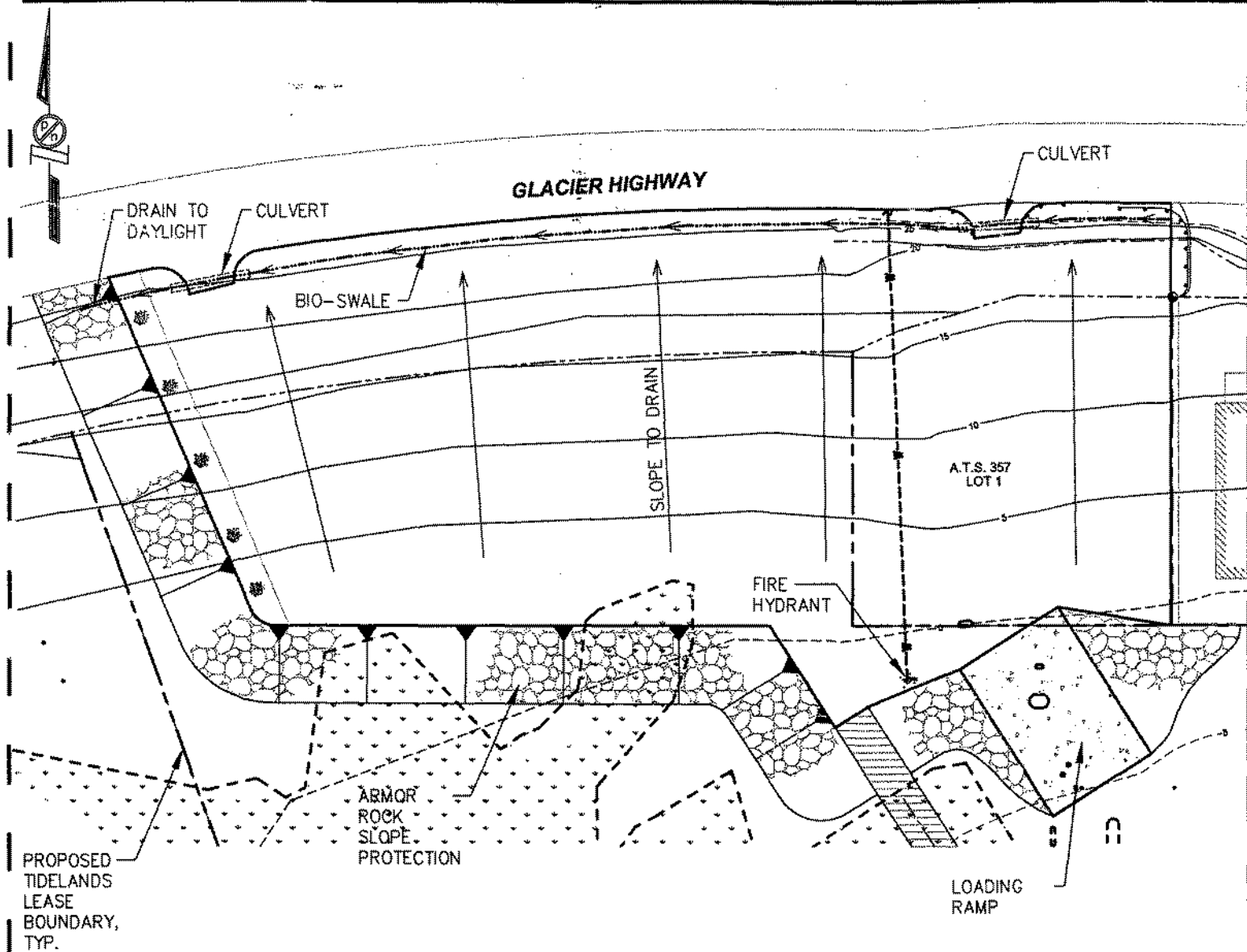
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## OPERATIONAL LAYOUT

SCALE IN FEET  
0 80 160 FT.

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**City & Borough of Juneau**  
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## PROPOSED UPLANDS DRAINAGE PLAN

SCALE IN FEET  
0 100 200 FT.

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FRANK H. MURKOWSKI, GOVERNOR

# STATE OF ALASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

DIVISION OF AIR AND WATER QUALITY

Non-Point Source Control Section

401 Certification Program

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. POA-2005-2019-2 (AUKE NU COVE), serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify that there is reasonable assurance that the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project with respect to Water Quality Certification may submit written comments within 30 days of the date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice to:

Department of Environmental Conservation  
WQM/401 Certification  
410 Willoughby Avenue  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1795  
Telephone: (907) 465-5321  
FAX: (907) 465-5274

Attachment 1

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# STATE OF ALASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
OFFICE OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT & PERMITTING

ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
302 GOLD STREET, SUITE 202  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801-1127  
PHONE: (907) 465-3562/FAX: (907) 465-3075

NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR  
CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE  
ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that a request is being filed with the Office of Project Management and Permitting for a consistency determination, as provided in Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)], that the project described in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. **POA-2005-2019-2 (AUKE NU COVE)**, will comply with the Alaska Coastal Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

This project is being reviewed for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Written comments about the consistency of the project with the applicable ACMP statewide standards and district policies must be submitted to the Alaska Division of Governmental Coordination. For information about this consistency review, contact DGC at (907) 269-7470 or (907) 465-3562, or visit the DGC web site at <http://www.gov.state.ak.us/gdc/Projects/projects.html>.